

# The Village Voice

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**INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
Indian Springs School Town Hall  
Tuesday, August 11, 1992, 7 p.m.

**Agenda**  
**Mayor, Council, and**  
**Committee Reports**  
**Citizen's Forum**

Town Council meetings are scheduled for the  
second Tuesday each month)

## Editor's Notes

The Village Voice is the official organ of Indian Springs Village, AL, established October 16, 1990. The primary purpose of this newsletter is to report on the monthly deliberations of the mayor and the council in town council meetings as well as to give the mayor and council members the opportunity to communicate with the electorate. In addition, your editor's hope is to foster a spirit of community and cooperation along with fun and fairness. Good neighbors need less legislation. Expenses are covered by the efforts and donations of ISV volunteers. Deliveries are also made at no charge by volunteer couriers.

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## MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS— AUGUST 25

Chief election official for the upcoming election will be **Ralph Bodie**. Election times are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the fire station on Caldwell Mill Road near AL Highway 119. **Frances Lewis, Jean Owens, Rusty Schenk, Lib Smith**, and Ralph went to Poll Workers Election School to be qualified to conduct this election. Absentee ballots can be picked up from **Paul Stephens**, Town Clerk, at 88 Indian Crest Drive. Call 988-4672 first; Paul may be out mowing the easement or filling potholes. There are additional town clerk duties other than just cooking barbecue, as you may know.

## DR. PETER PEACOCK, PLACE #4, STEPS ASIDE

The Village will lose a new world environmentalist with old world charm. Dr. Peter Peacock chose not to stand for reelection to the ISV Council. The values of environmental protection and beauty are his legacy, but his Environmental Committee has never needed prodding. Dr. Peacock leaves us with this message, "We have a wonderful community in Indian Springs, and I have been delighted and honored to serve on the first council. It is my turn now to step down and let someone else take my place, but I will continue to support the ideals (no commerce, a beautiful environment, and no taxes) for which this council was elected.

"A particularly warm "Thank you" is extended to our newsletter editor, our mayor, our town clerks, my fellow council members, and the members of our Environmental Committee who have worked so hard and so well. Good luck!"

## TWO CANDIDATES VIE FOR PLACE #4

### CANDIDATE ART JOHNSON:

I was born in Los Angeles 47 years ago. I majored in engineering at UCLA. I moved to Alabama in 1975 when I was employed by Southern Company Services. I am still employed there as Senior Systems Programmer. My wife, Jackie, and I have lived in the Willow Ridge community since 1984. I am a candidate for council place #4 because I want to contribute to improving the quality of life in our town, and I believe I have the resolve and energy to make a difference. As I am sure you know, Dr. Peter Peacock's primary committee responsibilities are public health and environment. Dr. Peacock led the way, and I will happily support the good works he began.

I look forward to working with townspeople to make our community more environmentally friendly. We've come a long way. Most of us well remember the embarrassment of litter and signs on Cahaba

Valley Road before Dr. Peacock encouraged citizens to act on Adopt-A-Mile principles. Spurred by that success, Indian Crest residents recently became our newest Adopt-A-Milers. I'm proud to be active in both programs, and as councilman I will strongly support these and similar voluntary efforts. I will concentrate on improvements to enhance the natural beauty of our properties, to make living here more rewarding for ourselves and more appealing to prospective home buyers. Further, I believe the time is right for us to become involved in an organized recycling program. I will ask the community to work with me in developing a plan that will work for Indian Springs Village.

My interests extend to other aspects of municipal management as well. I have attended numerous zoning meetings to fight commercial intrusion into our town and surrounding areas. I assisted with the town census after the vote for incorporation. I am interested in town zoning and planning. I believe that my 25 years experience working with computers will be put to good use in reaching solutions to town problems.

Finally, successful community projects need the participation of great numbers of townspeople, not just a handful of loyal volunteers. One of my most important goals will be to join with other council members in an earnest effort to involve many citizens in dialogue and community action. I look forward to serving you and helping the mayor and council continue the drive to make this beautiful, tax-free town the envy of North Shelby County and Alabama. Thank you for considering my candidacy.

#### **CANDIDATE LLOYD W. WAGNER, JR.:**

Almost two years have passed since our incorporation. A lot of time and effort, on the part of many people, has gone into the planning and development of ISV to this point. The foundation put into place by the incumbent town council is noteworthy. They had duties to perform to insure that both proper and legal guidelines were established for ISV. Any town council would be hard pressed to have accomplished more during their initial term.

When I decided to run for town council during the first election, I did not know Hub Harrington, Bill Pittman, Ron Luster, Margaret Bishop, Gary Dennis, Virginia Lusk, Peter Peacock, Kathy Monacelli, Stewart Dudley, or Mark Bond. I didn't even know Patricia Crapet, and she was my opponent. I just chose to run because I wanted to be involved in the ISV process.

The decision to run had already been made before I realized there were "sides". I still do not recognize "sides". I look at issues and opinions. In my opinion,

there should be no winning or losing side. The best interests of ISV should come first. ISV should no longer have "sides". Being for or against incorporation is over. I value all opinions on issues concerning ISV, but if we are to grow substantially over the next term, we must unite and base our decisions on facts, not on "sides". I want very much to be a part of ISV's growth. Debra and I have demonstrated that desire during the last two years. We have remained both involved and informed on issues concerning ISV. If you would like to know where I stand on a particular issue, please call me at 987-0236. If you want to know what "side" I am on, do not waste your call. My answer is, and will be, that I am on the side of Indian Springs Village. Making decisions that govern can be difficult, but if enough communication goes into the process the right decision can be made. It may not always be the decision that pleases you personally, but it will be the decision that will benefit ISV the most.

To borrow the words of a keynote speaker during the recent Democratic Convention, "It is time to change our way of thinking, from then, to our way of thinking now". Thinking for now should promote unity. Instead of pointing a critical finger, let's extend a helping hand. I urge you to make your decisions concerning Indian Springs Village, not on what your hear, but based upon what you see and know to be genuine.

My decision to run, again, is based upon my ambition to be both involved and informed. I consider these two priorities, to be informed and involved, the responsibility of each and every ISV resident. These two principles are the very foundation of government. By practicing these principles you become part of the actual process. By voting on August 25, you can make your decision count. The election of only one new councilman is important because it can bring new ideas to the surface. Please accept your responsibility and vote on August 25. Dr. Peacock contributed greatly to Indian Springs Village, and I look forward to continuing his efforts.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Major General Horace B. Hanson, Jr., father of Villager **Frieda Hanson**, 113 Willow Ridge Drive, passed away on July 4. He had been a member of the Vestavia Hills Zoning Board since 1972 and was active in other community projects. Our sympathy goes to all his family and friends, and we remember gratefully that he took an interest in ISV from its beginnings.

#### **PERSONALS**

**Sharron Lewis**, daughter of **Ricky and Susan Lewis** of Highgate Hill, married **John Alhinti** on July 17 in a unique setting at The Club on Red Mountain. Mr.

Alhinti is a partner in Jordan Motors in Birmingham. The Lewises are long-time residents of Indian Springs, and Sharron and her siblings grew up on Highgate Hill.

Quenton Johnson, of 1019 Alpine Way, was hospitalized for a couple of weeks and came home July 13. He is recuperating from heart surgery very nicely, according to reports from concerned neighbors.

Also, on the July hospital list for quick surgery and a longer recuperation at home was one of our Voice couriers, Ed Goodwyn. If wife Ruth is as good at nursing as she is at editorial consulting, Ed is already operating at 100%.

## ACCOLADES

In the July issue of *The Village Voice* we recognized some good neighbors and solicited others for mention. Even before she finished proofreading, our editorial consultant, Ruth Goodwyn, wanted to commend Town Clerk Paul Stephens for his efforts along Indian Crest Drive where he does much extra mowing.

As I worked on this issue, my husband reported that Jim Alderman must have taken the hint in the previous issue. He said Jim had crossed the property line and was mowing right up to our mailbox. Thanks, Jim, the Ramseys have no shame—lots of gratitude—but no shame.

Virginia Rancont was caught taking care of the editor's newspapers during an absence. Thanks, Virginia. The Alderman daughters, Karyl and Beckha, have been imposed on for years. They appreciate getting a little relief now and then.

Charles McGregor, who is not a Villager but wants to be, is hereby publicly thanked by Virginia Rancont and the other Indian Crest Litter Walkers for joining them in their recent efforts. Is the Annexation Committee taking notice?

Everyone has mentioned the Pothole Crew, henceforth to be called as the Pothole Council because the members are indispensable to the Village and the elected council. Jim Boyett, Paul Stephens, and Jim Wyatt are all over this town doing numerous chores that benefit everyone. Space is always too limited to give them credit for all that they do.

Nora Boyett commends Betty Michaels for maintenance work that keeps Spring Garden Street neat and clean. Nora also says that Lee and Betty Michaels' beautiful gardens should be included in any Village Honors list.

*The Village Voice* welcomes Lynda Bedgood of 101 McGuire Lane as a courier for McGuire Lane and McGuire Road.

## WALL STREET JOURNAL MENTIONS THE VILLAGE

The *Wall Street Journal* of July 7, 1992, contains an article titled "'Perot Sweater' Makes Incumbents Sweat; So Do Too Many Checks, Few Balances." The article was written before Ross Perot dropped out of the presidential race and was about congressional incumbents whose suburban districts represent key battlefields this election year. Congressman Ben Erdreich was one of two incumbents featured in the article, which was rather long. Indian Springs Village was mentioned in the course of discussing Erdreich's campaign in a newly-created district that now embraces more of the "white suburbs....tailor-made for a Republican", than the previous Erdreich district. "...the Democrat's first stop in a day of Fourth of July events was affluent Shelby County, a GOP stronghold. In a red convertible with his wife, Ellen, he [Erdreich] joined a parade of locals who had decorated their cars, including a Rolls-Royce, to snake through a lush hillside enclave of mansions recently incorporated as Indian Springs Village.

"Afterward, at a lakeside picnic, Republican Mayor Hub Harrington introduces the Democrat by recalling his own work in the first Erdreich campaign in 1982. 'I was one of the Republicans voting for Ben then,' he tells the group, 'and I intend to do that again.'"

Those of us who live in the more modest lowlands can copy this article for any out-of-state relatives who didn't expect us to have mansions. If you have someone to impress, the editor will provide copies on request with the "lush hillside enclave of mansions" already appropriately underlined!

## Next Litter Walk August 15

### Indian Crest Also Takes Charge

On July 25, at 8 a.m., ISV's newest Adopt-A-Mile program got underway. Indian Crest residents and friends officially took charge of their roadsides. (Have you seen the liberated Caldwell Mill intersection?) Present at the launching were Master of Ceremonies Clyde Wood, Coordinator Art Johnson, and crewpersons Nora and Jim Boyett, Patsy and Bob Cummings, Judy Groover, Jackie Johnson, Mary Alta and Raymond Kurtts, Emily McAdory, Charles McGregor, Martha and John Melton, Patt and Cappy Potter, Virginia Rancont, Margaret and Jim Roy, Paul Stephens, Debra and Lloyd Wagner, Alta Walker, Fay Wood, Joyce and Tom Wood, and Jim Wyatt. All the Crest people felt a warm fuzzy glow of gratitude for their unexpected friends from the valley who ventured uphill to lend experienced hands. Thanks also to the homeowners who cleaned their

road frontages on receiving notice of Saturday's Litter Walk. We'd mention your names, but we don't know exactly who you are; we could see only your flashlights Friday night.

And, now, dear Cahaba Valley Road householders, we'll list the participants in your July 18 Litter Walk: **Nora and Jim Boyett, Deloris Gilbert, Art Johnson, Emily McAdory, Virginia Rancont, Margaret Roy, Lloyd Wagner and Jim Wyatt.** Sound familiar? Not to worry, we'll get it right yet.

—*Virginia Rancont*

## **ALUMINUM CANS AND THE VILLAGE VOICE**

**Sharon Durbin** of 158 Willow Ridge Drive, an obviously energetic worker and creative thinker, has a plan to relieve our environmental guilt and benefit the Village financially at the same time. She and her sons, **David and Jason**, are willing to collect aluminum cans in their red pickup and take them to a recycling center. The money collected for the cans will be donated to the printing fund for *The Village Voice*. The Durbins deserve our gratitude for this offer, and your editor suggested a trial period to test ISV's cooperative spirit. If you have any suggestions to help the success of this plan, call Sharon at 988-5966.

BFI trash pickup is on Thursdays for most of the Village, and Sharon has observed that most people put the trash cans on the street the night before. The Durbins will drive through the Village after 8 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays to collect the aluminum cans. Please put them in white bags (for easy visibility in the dark), mark the bags ISV with a large magic marker and place the bags on the side of the drive opposite the BFI trash. The Durbins need to be able to distinguish the recycling bags from other household trash easily and quickly. We will report on the success of this venture in the next issue of the *Voice*. Plan ahead; everyone wins!

### **Village Aluminum Recycling Cooperation:**

- 1. Put white plastic bags and a large magic marker on your shopping list**
- 2. Mark ISV plainly on the bags**
- 3. Mark calendars for collection dates-- August 19, September 2 and 16, to be collected after 8 p.m.**
- 4. Place bags at the curb for collection on the first and third Wednesday nights (before 8 p.m.) on the opposite side of the driveway from the BFI trash**

## **JULY TOWN COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

The ISV Town Council met on Tuesday, July 14, 1992, at 7 p.m. in the Indian Springs School Town Hall. Mayor Hub Harrington presided over the meeting with council members Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, Stewart Dudley, and Peter Peacock present.

The minutes of the May meeting were adopted as read by Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt.

Councilwoman Crapet reported that the revenues of the road fund for June were \$564 and that the beer distribution was \$688. Picnic revenues were \$1182, with a complete list of expenditures not available at that time.

Mayor Harrington and councilman Stewart Dudley announced that an audit of ISV's accounts would be conducted before the end of the fiscal year, and that estimates would be taken from two or three accounting firms before a selection is made.

Councilman Gary Dennis reported having attended a meeting about the Shelby 2000 program being sponsored by the Shelby County Board of Education. Dennis suggested that anyone who has time to be involved with the program should do so. Any companies or business leaders who wish to contribute to the program in any way should call Dr. Norma Rogers, Superintendent of Education for Shelby County Schools, at her office, 669-5669.

Mayor Harrington introduced the ISV Zoning Ordinance package once again to the council. The ordinance, similar to that of Shelby County, was first passed at the April meeting but had not been published, as legally required, before that meeting. Having since been duly published, the ordinance was brought before the council for a vote. The vote for passage of the ordinance was unanimous. Mayor Harrington announced that appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Zoning and Planning Commission will be made official at the August council meeting.

Mayor Harrington updated townspeople on the status of the lawsuit with Pelham over ISV's boundary line. Using a town map as a reference guide to the properties in question, the mayor explained in detail how much each of the properties involved would be affected. A settlement agreement has been reached by several of the individual property owners who are parties in the suit, with some minor details still to be worked out with one property owner. Existing ordinances must be complied with by all property owners when the settlement is reached.

—*Patricia Crapet*